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SUBJ: COMMONS EXCHANGE ON LOCKHEED LRPA CONTRACT

REF: A) OTTAWA 559; B) OTTAWA 556

1. IN COMMONS QUESTION PERIOD FEBRUARY 13, OPPOSITION MP MCKINNON ASKED MINISTER OF SUPPLY AND SERVICES (GOYER) WHETHER IT IS TRUE THAT "THE PRESIDENT OF LOCKHEED CAME TO CANADA FOR THE FORMAL SIGNING IN JANUARY (OF LRPA CONTRACT) BEFORE ANYONE NOTICED THAT THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT WAS TO PAY TO LOCKHEED SOME \$100 MILLION IN FRONT END OR PROGRESS PAYMENTS," AND, ON SAME POINT, WHETHER IT IS TRUE "THAT THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT ALMOST UNBELIEVABLY ASSUMED THAT LOCKHEED WOULD PROVIDE THE SO-CALLED LONG-TERM FINANCING AND DID NOT HAVE THE REQUIRED FUNDS AVAILABLE ITSELF -- THAT IT CAME AS A SHOCK TO THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT THAT IT WAS EXPECTED TO PUT UP THE MONEY, AND THAT FOR THE LAST SIX WEEKS IT HAS BEEN LOOKING FOR THE FUNDS?"

2. GOYER ANSWERS, IN FRENCH AND NOT YET TRANSLATED VERBATIM, STATED ON ALL POINTS THAT LONG-TERM FINANCING NOW UNDER NEGOTIATION AND GOVERNMENT DOES NOT WISH
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TO RELEASE DETAILS WHICH MIGHT JEOPARDIZE NEGOTIATIONS.

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